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**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

In response to an Office Action mailed September 14, 2001 and made final, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 5, 39, and 40, and add new claim 41 as follows:

- composition*
1. (Twice Amended) A reagent system for preparing leukocytes for cytometric analysis, comprising:
- a sample of fresh human whole blood upon which a cytometric analysis is to be performed while said fresh blood is still fresh;
 - a lipoprotein;
 - an agent for lysing erythrocytes from said sample of fresh blood for permitting cytometric analysis of said leukocytes; and
 - a preservative selected from the group consisting of diazolidinyl urea (DU), imidazolidinyl urea (IDU), an oxazolidine and mixtures thereof.

5. (Twice Amended) A system for flow cytometry, comprising:

- a flow cytometer instrument;
- a reagent for preparing leukocytes for analysis by flow